

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A packaging container for a microwave oven hermetically sealed by heat-sealing with a plastic film, the packaging container comprising a vapor release seal part having a weakened part,

characterized in that the vapor release seal part is provided with a mark developing means with which exfoliation opening of the vapor release seal part can be recognized by a difference between surface and back packaging materials constituting the vapor release seal part.

2. (Original) A packaging container for a microwave oven according to claim 1, characterized in that the mark developing means is constituted by providing a vapor release seal part of one plastic film constituting the packaging container with a printing layer having a pattern having void parts and by providing a vapor release seal part of the other plastic film constituting the packaging container with a printing layer having patterns corresponding to the void parts.

3. (Original) A packaging container for a microwave oven according to claim 1, characterized in that the mark developing means is constituted by coloring a vapor release seal part of one plastic film constituting the packaging container a first color and by coloring a vapor

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release seal part of the other plastic film constituting the packaging container a second color different from the first color.

4. (Original) A packaging container for a microwave oven according to claim 1, characterized by comprising the mark developing means a peeling surface of which opacifies or whitens in association with peeling due to cohesion failure of the vapor release seal parts of the plastic films constituting the packaging container.

5. (Original) A packaging container for a microwave oven according to claim 4, characterized in that the mark developing means is constituted by providing a color printing layer for an upper layer of the vapor release seal part of at least one plastic film constituting the packaging container on a side of an external surface of the container.

6. (Presently Amended) A packaging container for a microwave oven according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~claim 1, characterized in that the vapor release seal part is formed continuously along a peripheral edge seal part of the packing container.

7. (Presently Amended) A packaging container for a microwave oven according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~claim 1, characterized in that the vapor release seal part is formed separately from the peripheral edge seal part of the packing container.

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8. (Presently Amended) A packaging container for a microwave oven according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~claim 1, characterized in that the vapor release seal part is provided with a through-hole, a semi through-hole, or a slit to thereby form a weakened part.

9. (Presently Amended) A packaging container for a microwave oven according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~claim 1, characterized in that a cutout is formed in the packing container inwardly into the container and a periphery edge of the cutout is heat-sealed to thereby form the vapor release seal part having a weakened part.

10. (Presently Amended) A packaging container for a microwave oven according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 9~~claim 1, characterized in that a pouring port forming means is arranged near the vapor release seal part.

11. (Presently Amended) A packaging container for a microwave oven according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 10~~claim 1, characterized in that the packaging container comprises a packaging pouch hermetically sealed by heat-sealing with a plastic film.

12. (Original) A packaging container for a microwave oven according to claim 11, characterized in that the packaging pouch comprises a standing pouch.

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13. (Presently Amended) A packaging container for a microwave oven according to claim 11 ~~or 12~~, characterized in that the packaging pouch comprises a packaging pouch having a branched section.

14. (Presently Amended) A packaging container for a microwave oven according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~claim 1, characterized in that the packaging container is hermetically sealed by heat-sealing of a container main body having a flange part with a lid composed of a plastic film.

15. (Presently Amended) A packaging container for a microwave oven according to claim 14, characterized in that the vapor release seal part is formed by causing a heat-seal part of between the flange part of the packaging container and the lid to project toward an inside of the container.